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SUBJECT: SUDAN RECOGNIZES MPLA GOVERNMENT

REF: KHARTOUM 2850 AND 2897 (NOTAL)

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY ISSUED STATEMENT LATE DECEMBER 15 ANNOUNCING SUDANESE RECOGNITION OF "POPULAR ANGOLAN REPUBLIC." DECISION REPORTEDLY TAKEN FOLLOWING UNSUCCESSFUL GOS ATTEMPT IN CONSULTATION WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING PRESIDENT NIMEIRI'S RECENT TALKS WITH VISITING HEADS OF STATE, TO FOSTER RECONCILIATION AMONG WARRING ANGOLAN FACTIONS. CONTINUATION OF BLOODSHED AND ARMS IMPORTATION LED TO GOS ACTION, ACCORDING TO STATEMENT.

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2. IN SEPARATE STATEMENT TO "AL SAHAFA", FOREIGN MINISTER

AHMED NOTED THAT FOREIGN FORCES, "INCLUDING SOUTH AFRICA," HAVE STARTED PLAYING A BIG ROLE IN ANGOLA, THE SOUTH AFRICANS UNDER THE PRETENSE OF PURSUING NAMIBIANS INTO ANGOLAN TERRITORY. AHMED SAID THAT PRESS REPORTS ATTEST TO FACT THAT OTHER FOREIGN STATES ALSO HAVE INTERESTS IN ANGOLA, NAMELY ANGOLA'S NATURAL RESOURCES AND ITS STRATEGIC LOCATION. RECALLING SUDAN'S VAIN EFFORTS RECONCILE RIVAL GROUPS, MINISTER SAID DECISION MADE RECOGNIZE GOVERNMENT OF "FRIEND" AGOSTINO NETO, WHOSE FACTION MOST POWERFUL IN ANGOLA. AHMED EXPRESSED HOPE OTHER GOVERNMENTS WILL FOLLOW SUIT.

3. COMMENT: REASONING CONTAINED GOS STATEMENT HARDLY CONVINCING. AS RECENTLY AS DEC 6, GOS RESTATED ITS REFUSAL RECOGNIZE ANY FACTION (KHARTOUM 2850), BUT BLAND LANGUAGE ON ANGOLA IN DEC 11 INDO-SUDANESE COMMUNIQUE (KHARTOUM 2897 NOTAL) MAY IN RETROSPECT BE SEEN AS SIGNAL OF CHANGING SUDANESE POLICY. ONLY HEADS OF STATE TO VISIT KHARTOUM RECENTLY WERE INDIA'S FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED AND CAMBODIA'S SIHANOUK. WHATEVER THE REASON, WE MUST DELETE SUDAN FROM LIST OF "MODERATES" STILL ACTIVELY WORKING FOR NEUTRAL OAU POSITION ON ANGOLA (ADDIS 14479). WE BELIEVE DECISION REFLECTS GOS CALCULATION THAT SUPPORT FOR MPLA CAN BE EXPECTED TO BECOME MOST ACCEPTED THIRD WORLD POSITION.
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